



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Peter ERDMANN *et al.* Confirmation No.: 7310  
Application No.: 09/450,217 Group Art Unit: 1653  
Filed: November 29, 1999 Examiner: David Lukton  
For: PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF LACTIC RAW MATERIAL Attorney Docket No.: 88265-296

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(c)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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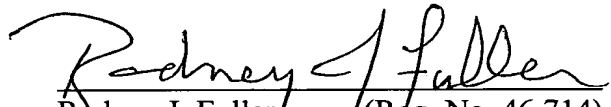
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2003, be extended for a period of three (3) months from January 2, 2004, the date now set, to and including April 2, 2004.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$950.00. Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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